

CLAIMS

1. A vacuum cleaner comprising a housing (2) and an elastic impact bumper strip (7) with two longitudinal sides (8, 10), said strip being located on at least some sections of the periphery of the housing (2), the first longitudinal side (8) being retained against the housing (2) and the second longitudinal side (10) standing proud of the external surface of the housing (2) under no tension, characterised in that the housing (2) has a retaining element (11) which holds the second longitudinal side (10) of the impact bumper strip (7) under elastic pre-tension against the housing (2).
2. The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, characterised in that the housing (2) is constructed in two parts and the elastic impact bumper strip (7) is held on the first housing part (3) and the second housing part (4) has the retaining element (11).
3. The vacuum cleaner according to claim 2, characterised in that the elastic impact bumper strip (7) is constructed on a lower part of the vacuum cleaner and the retaining element (11) is constructed on an upper part of the vacuum cleaner.
4. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the elastic impact bumper strip (7) is moulded on the housing (2) or on the first housing part (3).
5. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the impact bumper strip (7) has a cross-section which has a

reduced width compared with the remaining width at least at one point of weakening (9).

6. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the impact bumper strip (7) is convexly outwardly curved in its elastically pre-stressed position (12).
7. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the impact bumper strip (7) running around the periphery of the housing (2) has at least one gap-like interruption (15) which divides the impact bumper strip (7) into a number of a plurality of sections (7a, 7b).
8. The vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, characterised in that the retaining element (11) is constructed as a retaining strip which stands proud of the surface of the housing (2) or the second housing part (4), and is inclined towards the impact bumper strip (7).
9. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the retaining element (11) is moulded on the housing (2) or on the second housing part (4).
10. The vacuum cleaner according to any one of the preceding claims characterised in that the retaining element (11) and the housing (2) or the second housing part (4) define a receiving space (13) in which the second longitudinal side (10) of the impact bumper strip (7) is held.
11. The vacuum cleaner according to claim 10, characterised in that the receiving space (13) is

constructed as notch-shaped and is defined by an inner wall of the retaining element (11') and an outer wall of the housing (2) or the second housing part (4).

12. The vacuum cleaner according to claim 10, characterised in that the second longitudinal side (10) of the impact bumper strip (7) is held in an elastic pre-stressed position (12) where the end of the second longitudinal side (10) is located at a distance from the notch base of the receiving space (13).